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Mr Edward Cotton complaining that tlie Lord Mayor not only refuseth to pay him any money but will not so much as vouchsafe an answer to the Council's letters, the Council have required the Lord Mayor either to make some reasonable satisfaction or else to send a true and perfect account of the collection for the release of captives of every year from the beginning of 1589 until the end of April last, showing what captives have been released and for what sums of money

$tb June RELIEF OF MAIMED SOLDIERS

The Sheriffs and Justices of the Peace throughout the realm are ordered to confer together and consider of the Statute passed this last Parliament for the relief of those hurt or maimed in the service of the Queen Officers shall be ordained for receipt of the collections, that such as should come with warrant to demand their allowances may receive the benefit without any further trouble to them or occasion ministered to the Queen to think any slack in the performances of their duties

loth June CHARITY FOR A PRISONER IN THF HANDS OF THE LEAGUERS

The Lord Mayor and Aldermen are asked to bestow on Peter Brown, a captive, so much money as will satisfy his ransom from the collections that have been made for this purpose This Brown, one of the ordinary posts, coming towards England in a voyage from Sir Roger Williams, has lately been taken by the garrison of Rouen There he remains, and will not be delivered without paying so great a ransom as far exceedeth his ability to

pay.

une RUMOURS OF CHANGES IN FRANCE

There is much talk at this time of the likelihood that the King of France has turned Catholic, and of a peace between the King and the League This detameth all resolution with the Vidame of Chartres, his ambassador The Queen stormed at first but it is believed that nothing will come of the matter.